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December 18, 1967

Chaplain Eugene W. Scott
Office of the Chaplain
U.S. Army Training Center, Infantry
Fort Lewis, Washington

Dear brother Scott:

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Thank you so much for your kind reply to my letter of October 31. I regret that I have not answered before now, but my schedule has been such that I haven't been home long enough to get to all my correspondence.

I have raised the necessary funds for my expenses for my Viet Nam trip. Several things, however, are still in the planning stages before any final arrangements are made. I am wondering as to the length of time I should stay, and I am also deeply concerned at this point about my objectives for going. Therefore, I have enclosed an original draft for the proposed trip. Would you be so kind as to very honestly and critically examine this proposal and make your personal responses to it. I can assure you that whatever you wish to say in a critical way will be deeply appreciated, because if there is one all-compelling concern I have regarding this trip, it is that it not be, in any sense of the word, a phony effort, but rather a sincere attempt at ministering to the real needs of our soldiers in Viet Nam and, being able by that experience, to more effectively minister to the needs of America in general through our Herald of Truth radio program.

If you can find some time to look carefully at this proposal and jot down your reactions to it in the next few days, it would be deeply appreciated.

The reports of your work at Fort Lewis sound exciting. I send you my best wishes and prayers.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk
Radio Speaker

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Enclosure

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